

In The Drawings:

Please replace current Fig. 18 with replacement Fig. 18.

Remarks

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner:

(1) objected to the drawings filed on 30 July 2009 for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p) (5) because the drawings do not include reference legend 310 which was mentioned in the written description with regard to Fig. 18;

(2) objected to the disclosure because of informalities;

(3) rejected claims 1-22 and 40 under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter; and

(4) indicated that claims 1-40 are allowable over the prior art.

Turning first to Item 4 above, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 1-40 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant has now amended the specification, claims and drawings as set forth below in order to correct the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner.

In response to Item 1 above, Applicant is submitting herewith a corrected drawing sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). More particularly, Applicant is submitting Fig. 18, which is labeled "Replacement Sheet". Fig. 18 has been amended to add reference character 310 to Fig 18. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Applicant believes that the corrected drawing sheet should now be acceptable to the Examiner.

In response to Item 2 above, Applicant has amended the specification so as to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

In response to Item 3 above, Applicant has amended claims 1, 13 and 40 so that these claims now call for "using the spatially-

stratified random sample to assess the population" (or, in the case of claim 40, "using the spatially-stratified sampling procedure to ascertain an overall population in the study area"). Applicant believes that claims 1, 13 and 40 are now directed to statutory subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments made to the specification, claims and drawings, Applicant believes that this patent application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event that any fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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